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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

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1. POST MORTEM ON HOUSE MFN HEARINGS. WE DECIDED TO CHECK WITH SUBCOMMITTEE STAFFER JAN ARCHIBALD ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF VANIK'S STATEMENT (REPORTED STATE 153115) THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD ONLY HELP OUT IN CASES INVOLVING EMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES. (ARCHIBALD SAID THAT VANIK HAD ACTUALLY USED THE WORDS "IN CASES OF DIRECT AMERICAN INTEREST.") ARCHIBALD CLAIMS THAT VANIK MISPOKE, IN THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONTINUES TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN CASES INVOLVING EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL. EVEN IN CASES OF EMIGRATION TO THE FRG, WHICH THE SUBCOMMITTEE STOPPED HANDLING LAST DECEMBER BECAUSE OF WORKLOAD, THEY ARE WILLING TO CONTINUE ACTION ON CASES WHICH PRE-DATE THAT CUTOFF. ARCHIBALD ALSO INDICATED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL BE ASKING STATE TO EXPLAIN IN
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GREATER DETAIL LUERS' COMMENTS REGARDING THE DIFFICULTY OF MAKING FORMAL REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOR ON EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL. FINALLY, A CORRECTION TO OUR STATE 154083 ON THE HEARINGS. ARCHIBALD EXPLAINED THAT, SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN NO DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED IN THE HOUSE, THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS NOT EVEN REQUIRED TO SEND A REPORT TO THE FULL COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

IN OTHER WORDS, UNLESS A DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION IS

SUBMITTED PRIOR TO AROUND SEPTEMBER 1, THERE WILL BE NO
FURTHER ACTION BY THE HOUSE.

2. DECREE 223. WE HAD A LAST MINUTE GO-AROUND WITH
TREASURY ON THE TEXT OF THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON DECREE
223. BESIDES WISHING TO TOUGHEN PARAGRAPH 8, TREASURY
ALSO WANTED TO INCLUDE A LINKAGE WITH THE U.S. VOTE IN
THE IFIS. (APPARENTLY U.S. LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT WE
VOTE AGAINST LOANS OR CREDITS TO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE
NOT PROVIDED PROMPT, ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE COMPENSATION.)
WE REFUSED TO GO ALONG WITH THIS BUT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE
THAT TREASURY, AND IN PARTICULAR DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HUFBAUER, MAY PUSH THIS TACK IN THE FUTURE. IN
THIS REGARD, THERE WILL BE A MEETING TOMORROW (JUNE 22)
OF THE INTER-AGENCY EXPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AT WHICH
TREASURY PLANS TO RAISE THE DECREE 223 ISSUE.

3. SHAMWELL VISIT. IT NOW APPEARS THAT SHAMWELL WILL BE
PREPARED TO STOP OFF IN BUCHAREST AROUND JULY 10 FOR 2
OR 3 DAYS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EMBASSY BEFORE GOING ON
TO BELGRADE. THE CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE A
CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH ROMANIA HAS NOT YET BEEN
APPROVED BY THE SEVENTH FLOOR, BUT WE EXPECT IT SOON.

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4. RESPONSE TO ANDREI ON CEAUSESCU'S TRAVELS. WE HOPE
TO HAVE SOMETHING TO YOU IN NEXT FEW DAYS WHICH THANKS
ANDREI IN BEHALF OF PRESIDENT AND PROVIDES BRIEF REPORT
ON BRZEZINSKI'S TRIP TO CHINA. VANCE

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